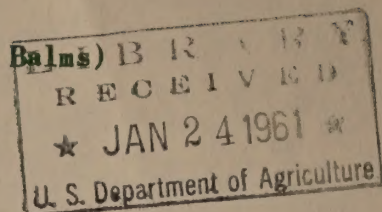


62

[1961]

He

The Granite Series Modern Hybrid Monardas (Bee Balms)
From the University of New Hampshire
Originated by Prof. E. B. Risley



Modern hybrid Monardas contain genes from two native North American wild flowers; the bright red Oswego Tea, of moist, shady woodlands and Wild Bergamot, the lavender species of dry, open fields. Until recently all garden hybrids have been produced in England where seeds of native species were sent as early as 1774. "Croftway Pink" was introduced from England during World War II. The Granite Series were produced in New Hampshire from open pollinated seed of "Croftway Pink".

Granite Pink - a hardy perennial, growing about three feet tall and as wide across, and covered with soft pink flowers from July to September. The color is true pink which does not clash with the colors of other flowers in mixed bouquets.

Granite Purple - was introduced in the summer of 1958. The flower color is an official "Cyclamen Purple 30" by the British Horticulture Color Chart. The husky, square-angled stems grow about four feet tall and bear up to six large flowers per stem and in full bloom during the first two weeks in August. This is a healthy disease resistant variety with the foliage holding green late into the fall.

Above varieties \$1.00 each postpaid. Garden clumps (at the farm only) \$1.50 each.

BEE-BALM

How can a flower be known?
Botanically an herb, a mint,
square stem, furred leaf,
and flower that springs Athena-like
from forehead of progenitor.
Bergamot - from Italy,
Monarda - after him who helped
to tame and civilize. Oswego Tea -
healing, aromatic,
a balm alike for man and bee.

Jean Risley

(Jean Risley, author of Bee-Balm, is the wife of
Prof. E. B. Risley.)

The Farm of Recent Introductions
Donald C. Chandler, New Gloucester, Maine

